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Suzanne,

Thanks for forwarding the "petition" letter. I will review it and talk with Cara/Jennifer. Once you get a sense of timing as to when you will need more from ORC on this matter, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Clarke

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Jennifer, Clark and Cara –

Letter “petition” to RA and Adm. attached. Received as controlled correspondence today.

News story is below. Oregon DEQ, Oregon Ag Dept have received media inquiries and are working on responses.

Our initial desk statement now, in response to expected reporter inquiries: “We received the letter today and are reviewing the information.”

We will need a more robust message after we review the letter, SDWA “petition” process, formal response from EPA, and any information we have on our past engagement with OHA, DEQ, Ag, others on this issue, i.e. SDWA grants, participation in GWMA, etc.

Thanks –  
Suzanne

**Salem Statesman** | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon  
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Dan, not sure which of us should be the lead on this, but pending that decision, bringing you in the loop.

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Administrator Wheeler and Regional Administrator Hladick,

Attached please find a petition, submitted on behalf of eight organizations and one individual, urging EPA action pursuant to SDWA Sec. 1431 to address persistent nitrate contamination in Oregon's Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area.

The Appendices are available [here](#), and I will send them directly in several subsequent emails.

Thank you for your consideration,

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